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President Nixon

Peace Asked At Prayer Breakfast

WASHINGTON (BP) — "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin in me." With these words President Richard Nixon concluded his remarks to the National Prayer Breakfast, an annual event sponsored by weekly prayer groups in the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives.

Peace was the theme of most of the prayers, speeches and scripture selections delivered and read by national leaders to 3,000 distinguished representatives of government, religion, business and members of the diplomatic corps.

A special guest at this year's event was Mayor Vladimir F. Promyslov of Moscow, and his wife.

References to peace were not par-

ticularly those of celebration, but in most instances took the form of gratitude and cautious expressions that peace in Vietnam finally was becoming a reality.

The President cautioned that the ceasefire in Vietnam "will mean peace only to the degree that both sides determine to keep the agreement."

"We will keep the agreement and we expect others to keep the agreement," the President declared.

Nixon expressed concern that all Americans see peace as an "opportunity to do great things for people at home and abroad." Referring to "internal conflicts" that develop after every war, the President said he

was concerned over "divisions between generations, races and religions."

Such divisions cannot be changed by laws, the President declared. "Laws cannot legislate compassion, understanding and an end to prejudice. These can come only with changing the man," he said.

Nixon concluded his brief remarks with the words of the song, "Let there be Peace on Earth and Let It Begin in Me."

Then, with a paraphrase directed to the 3,000 gathered in the Grand Ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel, the President urged: "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin in each and everyone of us."

Senator Mark Hatfield (R., Ore.), representing the Senate prayer breakfast group, cautioned against some dangers he saw in the prayer breakfast.

"Events such as this prayer breakfast contain the real danger of mis-

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Feb. 11 Is Race Relations Sunday

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, examines some of the 35,000 Race Relations Sunday information packets mailed during December to Southern Baptist churches to assist in the observance of the emphasis scheduled on the denominational calendar February 11. Valentine is holding a poster illustrating the theme "You Are the Light." — (Photo by Floyd Craig)

News Analysis

High Court Holds Abortion To Be 'A Right Of Privacy'

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U. S. Supreme Court, in a 7-2 decision that overturned a Texas law which denied a woman the right of abortion except to save her life, has advanced the cause of religious liberty, human equality and justice.

At the same time the court struck down a Georgia law that imposed unconstitutional procedures in getting medical approval for an abortion.

The Texas decision in all probability invalidated similar laws in 30 other states.

For the next several years lower courts and state legislatures will be trying to answer the questions posed by the abortion decisions. At present it is not possible to know all the questions that may emerge, much less all the answers. Nevertheless, some questions and some answers are clear.

First, we must understand the precise questions that were before the court and what disposition was made of them. Then we can take a look at subsidiary questions.

The Texas case questioned constitutionality of a criminal abortion law

January Cooperative Receipts Of \$557,090 Set All-Time Record

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for January totaled \$557,090, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This amount was the largest ever received in any one month in the history of the Convention Board, Dr. Hudgins added.

The January total of \$557,090 was a gain of \$175,236 or 45.9% over the \$381,854 given in January a year ago.

The Cooperative Program is the principal channel of mission giving of the Convention and accounts for about two-thirds of the grand total contributions.

ing a woman's qualified right to terminate her pregnancy."

The Supreme Court then outlined an abortion regulation formula for future laws that recognize a woman's right to an abortion and at the same time provide for the state's interest in the health of the mother and the potential human life in an unborn fetus. This formula encompasses three stages of pregnancy.

First, during the first three months of pregnancy the decision to have an abortion must be left to the woman and the medical judgment of her physician.

Second, the same right to an abortion continues through the second three months of pregnancy, but in this period the interest of the state emerges in the form of concern for the health of the mother. Hence, a state may, if it chooses, "regulate the abortion procedure" in ways related to the mother's health.

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160 Baptist Men Needed For Crusades To New England

One hundred sixty Mississippi Baptist men are needed for a group of "Crusades to New England" this summer, according to J. T. Gilbert, of Jackson, president of the Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference.

The Crusades, different from the usual crusades, will be sponsored jointly by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; the Cooperative Missions and Brotherhood departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, and the Men's Conference.

The "Crusades" will be under direction of Rev. Elmer Sizemore, director of Southern Baptist missions work in New England, and he says that hundreds of Baptist men from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will participate.

Mr. Gilbert is urging as many men as possible to take their families, using vacation time in many cases, so members of their families could assist in Vacation Bible school activities, while the men would visit. (Continued on page 2)



Church Administration Clinic Held

Many sections of the state were represented at the statewide Church Administration Conference held Jan. 31-Feb. 1 at the Baptist Building, sponsored by Cooperative Missions Department and directed by Rev. Leon Emery, consultant in the department of which Dr. Foy Rogers is director. Seen speaking is Joe Hinkle, consultant in the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Also on program was Rev. Roger Abington, Pastor First Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn.



Christian Action Group Elects Officers

New officers for the coming year were elected by the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention at its meeting held in the Baptist Building in Jackson Jan. 31. From left to right: Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, executive director; Rev. J. B. Miller, Southaven, being welcomed as a new member of Commission; Dr. Charles Myers, Jackson, president, (re-elected); Dr. David Owen, Hattiesburg physician; vice-president, (re-elected); Rev. Bill Nimmons, Tupelo, recording secretary, (re-elected). Another new member not shown is Dr. W. W. Walley, Waynesboro physician.



Mrs. John McNair

Assistant Named For Music Department

Mrs. John (Kathy) McNair of Jackson and Brandon has accepted the position of assistant in the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, effective March 1, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer of the Board.

Mrs. McNair, who lives in Jackson, has for the past year served as youth director, organist and choir coordinator of the First Baptist Church in Brandon.

Mrs. McNair, according to Dan C. Hall, director of the Music Department, will serve as "music assistant" and will not be an additional worker in the department, but will be a replacement, however with different duties, for Mrs. Mike Everett, who resigned recently to work on her degree at Wm. Carey College, Hattiesburg.

Mrs. McNair holds the Bachelor of Music degree from Wm. Carey College and is presently working on her Master's degree at Mississippi College, Clinton.

She is a member of Delta Omicron, national honorary fraternity for women, and member of Mississippi Opera Guild and Music Educators.

Prior to going to the Brandon position she was kindergarten instructor at Briarwood Drive Baptist Church, Jackson.

Mrs. McNair has also served as counselor at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian; organist for Calvary Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark.; and director of music, Lilburn Middle School, Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. McNair's husband is Dr. John (Continued on page 2)

Last Rites Held For S. E. Tull, 94. Baptist Leader

Dr. Selsus Estel Tull, 94, died at his home in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, on January 26, 1973. Burial was in Magnolia, Miss. on Monday, January 29.

He is survived by his second wife, Mrs. Katherine Dearing Tull of Pine Bluff; a son, Paul, of Pine Bluff; two daughters, Mrs. R. L. McKnight of Memphis and Mrs. J. W. Nowlen of De Land, Fla.; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Dr. Tull was born in Louisiana, but his family moved to Gillsburg, Mississippi while he was very young. His elementary education was at Gillsburg Collegiate Institute and in the schools of Magnolia.

He was licensed to preach in 1897 at the age of 19, by the Baptist Church at Magnolia, Miss., where Rev. W. P. Price was pastor.

He attended Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, where he graduated in 1902. While at Union he attended his first Southern Baptist Convention, and also represented the school at a World Student Alliance held in Canada. He won Union's best orator medal during his senior year.

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This cement, brick, and granite structure is Southern Baptists' newest hospital overseas. Located on the outskirts of Bangalore, a city of almost two million per-

sons, the hospital will minister primarily to indigent patients. Two missionary physicians head up the medical staff.

New Baptist Hospital In India

BANGALORE, India (BP) — The dedication of Bangalore Baptist Hospital here, the first Southern Baptist-supported medical institution in India, has brought praise from the chief minister of Mysore State and his minister of health.

Both expressed gratitude for the hospital before some 1,200 persons, among them Southern Baptist Convention President Owen Cooper and the SBC Foreign Mission Board's executive secretary, Baker J. Cauthen.

D. Devaraj Urs, Chief minister, declared that he was pleased to see that the primary purpose of the hospital was to serve the poor and needy. He added that this ministry would strengthen government efforts to provide medical care to the lower strata of society.

The cement, brick and granite structure will accommodate 78 beds,

75 per cent of which will be reserved for indigent patients.

"Our young doctors owe a duty to the poor," Urs said, "and the people have a right to demand their services in the rural parts when the government spends so much on their (the physicians') education."

He explained that often physicians shunned rural service, but he hoped they would see the example set by missionaries in their dedicated and selfless work. He also extended the hope that the missionaries would help bridge the gap in the sagging relationship between India and the United States.

Minister of Health H. Siddaveerappa, also expressing his gratitude, congratulated the Indian Baptist Mission on its "vision in establishing this institution." Siddaveerappa also appealed to the Southern Baptist Convention

for aid to his people who are in areas hard hit by drought.

Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., presented the hospital to the people of India, calling it "an act of love of one people toward another."

"This hospital," he said, "does come from the hearts of Southern Baptists for the heart is the source and the seed of love and it is the love we have for you that prompts us to make the service of this hospital available."

Cooper led a tour group of approximately 20 Southern Baptists who were present for the dedication.

Baker J. Cauthen of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, the agency which has worked since 1964 to make the hospital a reality, delivered the dedicatory address.

Cauthen stated the purpose of the hospital ministry saying, "an objective here that is commendable is to provide high quality medical care for people when they are in need of it."

"The doctors who have come to serve in this hospital are doctors of distinction who have stepped out of medical professions in our land and have come just because of their hearts being motivated by the love of Jesus for mankind."

"The basic motivation is the example of the Lord Jesus Christ, for he came and went about doing good. And we who love him would like to be as he was. We would like to follow his example."

According to Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant of the SBC Foreign Mission Board who was on hand to deliver the dedicatory prayer, there is much work remaining on the hospital before it can begin full operation this summer.

At that time, facilities on the first floor will include wards, maternity section, operation theatres and intensive care units. The ground floor will house an outpatient department which can handle about 200 persons daily, a minor surgery, laboratories, X-ray department, physical therapy and pharmacy. A kitchen and laundry will also be on the ground floor.

Because Bangalore already has many top-notch medical institutions, but few which reach into the poverty areas, the Baptist hospital must attempt not only to minister to these people, but also serve as a teaching facility, sponsoring internship and residency programs and later an outreach program in community health and a nursing school.

Credentials of physicians are necessarily scrutinized closely and qualifications steep. Already on the staff are Dr. Richard H. Hellinger and Dr. John H. Widman Jr.

Dr. Hellinger is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine with special studies in cardiology and allergy. Dr. Wikman is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

It was through another specialist, former missionary physician Jasper L. McPhail, that the invitation for Southern Baptists to begin medical work in India was extended. In 1964, Dr. McPhail was head of the department of thoracic surgery at Christian medical college and hospital in Vellore, India. Until Dr. McPhail joined that staff in 1962, there had been no Southern Baptist witness in India.

Soon after the central ministry of health extended the invitation, the State of Mysore asked Southern Baptists to locate their medical work in Bangalore.

Construction began in February 1971 shortly after suitable land had been secured. During the building period outpatient clinics have been held on the premises, and mobile clinics have visited adjoining low income neighborhoods.

Bangalore Baptist Hospital is the 19th medical institution in 18 countries supported by Southern Baptists outside the U. S. It is the only such facility in India.

Another work sponsored by Southern Baptists there is an outreach library in Bangalore which houses approximately 8,000 books and periodicals. They include reference materials in medicine, agriculture and religion as well as general interest books and novels.

Through the medical and library ministries several churches have been established.

Sophia Sutton Founder's Day Program Set

The annual Sophia Sutton Founder's Day program for 1973 will be held at the Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly near here Feb. 20, according to Dr. S. L. Richmond, assembly director.

The principal speakers will be Dr. Robert H. Wilson, pastor of St. John Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, and Dr. Hickman Johnson, pastor of Farish Street Baptist Church, Jackson.

A symposium will be conducted with the three following men directing: Dr. E. A. Potter, pastor New Bethel Baptist Church, Biloxi; Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and Dr. Richard S. Porter, pastor First Union Baptist Church, Meridian.

Special music will be provided by the South Central Seminary Center at Hattiesburg, and the Prentiss Institute Choir, under direction of Melvin Cunningham, director. Dr. Wm. P. Davis, Jackson, board chairman, will conduct a business period. Presentation of guest speakers will be made by Dr. T. B. Brown, Jackson, president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary. Tom Quick, representing Southern Baptist Publishing Board, Nashville, Tenn., will display building equipment and materials.

Rev. Robert Sheffield, pastor Prentiss Baptist Church, Prentiss, will give a monologue in the language of "WIN", a program of evangelism. Recognitions will be made by Rev. Richard Brogan, director of the Department of Work With National Baptists of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson.

An offering will be taken for the purpose of adding to the building equipment at the assembly. The program will be held from 10:00 a.m. through the afternoon.

Queens To Gather At Camp Garaywa

The annual gathering of "Queens" from all over the state of Mississippi will be held March 9-11 at Camp Garaywa in Clinton. This special event is for girls who have attained recognition in the Student Individual Achievement Plan for Acteens. The levels of Achievement these girls may reach are Queen, Queen - with - Scepter, Queen Regent, Queen Regent - in - Service, and Service Aide.



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To reach one of these queenly positions, one must complete certain activities in the categories of Mission Study, Mission Action, Mission Support, and Mission Organization. The girls who attend Queens' Court share an interest in missions activities as well as in gathering for a weekend of Christian fun and fellowship.

Program personalities for the weekend will include Judy Denson, TV personality from Jackson; Marianne Love (formerly Marianne Mullins), Mississippi's Miss Hospitality in 1970; and a very special guest, Evelyn Tully, pictured, Acteens Director for Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, who will be coming from Birmingham to be with the girls for this special event.

If you need more information about Queens' Court, write the WMU Office, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205. This weekend is one which no "Queen" should miss!

Silver Lake, Colorado, holds the record for the most snow fall in a day — 76 inches back in 1921. The greatest seasonal snowfall—73 feet—occurred at Tamarack, California, in the winter of 1907, according to researchers at Allied Chemical Corporation.

First, Jackson Clarifies Policy

First Baptist Church, Jackson, on Sunday, February 4 voted overwhelmingly to continue its policy of admitting to its services all who come to worship, but to deny admittance to demonstrators and publicity-seekers. This action was taken to clear up misunderstandings about the church policy which have been in evidence recently.

A spokesman for the church said the vote on a resolution bringing forward the church policy was overwhelmingly favorable in a well-attended meeting of the Deacons Saturday and in two morning worship services this Sunday.

All three bodies voted after full and open discussion of the resolution, which is as follows:

"A Baptist Church is a fellowship, not a building, it is a body of baptized believers, united through faith in Jesus Christ.

"A Baptist church is a democracy which functions best when its members work together in harmony with God and each other.

"No pastor, no denominational leader, no national organization, nor any other persons can dictate policy to a local Baptist church. A simple majority vote of the members of each local church determines the policy of that church.

"Members of the First Baptist Church of Jackson believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ is for all people, and for many generations, including the past several years, people of all races have worshipped in this church, except for a short time when various persons or groups sought to use this church for purposes other than worship.

"The First Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi, resolves that it will continue to receive into its regular services all persons who sincerely desire to worship and further resolves that it will not admit any persons or organized groups who come for the purpose of demonstrating, who seek to disrupt, or who seek publicity."

Dr. Swor Writes Of Full Recovery

So many inquiries came to Dr. Chester Swor at Christmas time concerning his response to times of hospitalization and surgery during the summer of 1972, that he wishes to share with Mississippi Baptist friends through this means the good news of his complete recovery.

In humor he writes that the abdominal surgery revamped his "chassis," the cataract surgery improved his "headlights," and the months of rest "tuned his motor" so well that he feels "fit for another run." During the fall of 1972, he filled a tailored-down schedule, but is returning this spring to a more nearly normal schedule of travel, speaking, and counseling.

Also, Dr. Swor writes: "Honestly, I have tried to bow out to semi-retirement or to some less strenuous work, but the demands — particularly of young people — have made it almost impossible for me to discontinue my long-time work. Therefore, insofar as I can now anticipate, I shall be dividing my time between my work of many years in Spiritual Renewal with much emphasis on young people and a possible work on a college campus as Counselor in Residence. I am deeply grateful to so many thousands of friends who have been 'doctors' aides' through prayer in my behalf."

Dr. Swor will continue to maintain his home and office at 902 Whitworth Street in Jackson, Mississippi.

Men Needed - - -

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witness, lead in Bible study, surveys and other related activities.

He said that several men had already indicated that they would go with their families in campers since all men who go will have to pay all of their own expenses.

Some men may also want to form car pools, Mr. Gilbert added.

Mr. Gilbert is urging all men who can go to contact the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205, or Tel. 354-3704, before March 1 because training classes for the men will be held soon after that date.

Mr. Sizemore says that most of the men who will be working in areas where there is presently no Baptist church, with the expectation that one will be organized soon thereafter.

Dr. Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department, and Rev. E. L. Howell, director of the Brotherhood Department, said that the following crusade dates have been set and will be filled on a "first-come - first-served basis": June 18-24; June 25-July 1, July 2-8, July 9-15, July 16-22, July 23-29; July 30 - Aug. 5, and Aug. 13-19.

The first American Baptist card was launched by Louis Prang, a lithographer in Boston.



H. Siddaveerappa, minister of health for the State of Mysore, India, shakes hands with Baker J. Cauthen (right), executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board during the ceremonies dedicating Bangalore Baptist Hospital. Dr. John Wikman Jr. (left) and Dr. Richard H. Hellinger (center) are missionary physicians at the new hospital.

Last Rites For S. E. Tull, 94

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Seminary work was done at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he studied under such men as E. Y. Mullins, John R. Sampey and A. T. Robertson.

His first full time pastorate was at First Church, Kosciusko, Mississippi. During this pastorate he met and married his first wife, Laura Nickolson of Durant, who preceeded him in death by several years.

Other pastorates were in Greenwood, Miss., Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Paducah, Kentucky, Temple, Texas, New Orleans, La., Jackson, Tennessee and Middlesboro, Ky. He resigned from First Church, Middlesboro, Ky., in 1937 to enter evangelism, in which capacity he served for five years. He served the church and the denomination in several capacities during the retirement years of his life which lasted nearly thirty years. On the occasion of his 94th birthday, last July, he preached in his old pulpit at First Church, Pine Bluff.

In the retirement years he lived for a period in Jackson, Miss., but finally returned to Pine Bluff, where he lived next door to his son Paul. In Pine Bluff, having lost his first wife in death, he married a widow and former member of his Pine Bluff congregation. Mrs. John T. Derring who survives him. Her son, John T. Deering Jr., is a former Mississippi pastor, and now serves in Chesapeake, Va.

Music Department Names Assistant

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L. McNair, Department of Anatomy, University Hospital, Jackson.

They have two children, John Mark, age 5 and Heather Kathleen, 6 months.

Mrs. McNair is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. K. Lee, superintendent of missions for Calhoun County Baptist Association.

Mr. Hall said that Mrs. McNair comes to the work exceptionally well equipped in every respect, as she is an excellent pianist, organist, soloist

Dr. Tull was honored with a Doctor of Divinity degree by Union University, his alma mater, in 1914.

Dr. Tull attended his first Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in 1900. He served in numerous capacities in Southern Baptist denominational life, and said in an article in the Baptist Record in 1971, that he counted as highlights of his denominational service three things: the writing of a resolution adopted by the SBC in 1913 setting up production of graded literature for use in Southern Baptist Sunday schools; the writing of a resolution adopted by the convention in 1914, setting up an adult department in the Sunday school work, and calling for grading of all departments; and the writing of a resolution adopted by the convention in 1916 calling for setting up a department of emphasis on church administration.

Dr. Tull was the author of four books and an unpublished autobiography. Two were books of sermons and one of his most widely used books was "Church Organization and Methods", written at the request of the convention as a result of the emphasis on administration adopted by the convention in 1917. A small book on Baptist origin and history also had wide distribution and broad influence.

During the last few years of his life, Dr. Tull still was active, and wrote several articles for the Baptist Record published during the last four years.

and will be able to work with all types of churches in the convention, including city, rural, and small town.

To Myles Coverdale goes the credit for printing the first complete English Bible 1535. Although he prefixed a dedication to King Henry VIII, in the hopes of securing royal favor, he was unable to serve a license for the book from the king.

The Convention President Speaks

In my opinion, the Mississippi Baptist Convention which meets once a year in the one most important meeting we, as a group of churches, have to carry on the business of our Convention. Therefore, I think we ought to give it the attention it is due without any distractions whatsoever.

I also believe the local church is God's ordained institution for His Kingdom's work. I think that the local church should take priority over every association and - or convention and I further think most of you share this feeling with me.

In the past few years, I have noticed a trend that concerns me considerably. That is, because of our love and devotion for our churches, we leave the Convention around noon on Wednesday and go back to our local churches for midweek prayer service. Thus, the sessions of the Convention on Wednesday afternoon and evening and Thursday morning suffer considerably attendance - wise. This being true, we are not at the Convention to transact our Lord's work.

I want to propose a change in our Convention procedures so that the Convention can share with the churches the due attention. I want to suggest we give serious consideration to starting the sessions of the Convention on Monday afternoon and concluding them on Wednesday at noon. There are two major conflicts with this and I am aware of these. One is the emphasis we have placed on brotherhood work for years on Monday afternoon and evening. The other is the youth rally on Thursday evening, but I believe with all of us working together, these can be rescheduled with other activities of our work and be equally as effective. Then we can have Monday morning to get to the Convention and Wednesday afternoon to get to our churches. For some who must travel a great distance, this would be a hardship; however, it appears to me that it would be more convenient for a larger number, we would be able to transact our Lord's work at the Convention better, and we would be able to be at our local churches, too.

I would appreciate hearing from you on this. — David Grant.

The secret of success . . . in life is known only to those who have never succeeded.

Hospital Excavation 'Largest Hole Ever Dug In Jackson'

One month after ground-breaking ceremonies were held for the new Mississippi Baptist Hospital on December 14, some 130,000 cubic yards of dirt had been moved from the site.

"And by the time we finish the bulk cut by mid-February," says John A. Schell, project superintendent for Turner Construction Co., Cincinnati, "we will have moved about 170,000 cubic yards of dirt."

Back and forth between the construction site and areas along Lakeland Drive where the dirt is being dumped, a fleet of 33 big red ten-wheel trucks roars along, carrying the heavy loads.

The excavation has produced what must be the largest hole ever dug in Jackson. It measures roughly 500 feet by 400 feet. It varies in depth, but it is as deep as 35 feet in some places, according to Schell.

The big red trucks look small, by comparison, as they coast down into the hole (which one observer compared to the famous meteor crater near Winslow, Arizona) and as they come roaring back up out of the hole fully loaded.

Vaughn Construction Company, of Jackson, is the company in charge of the site - excavation work, and the trucks are working 18 hours a day, says Schell, in order for the project to stay on schedule.

The construction schedule is 36 months in length, which means that the new 600-bed hospital, a project representing a total investment of \$35,000,000, should be ready by the Christmas season in 1975.

Actually, the digging began on November 26, following the signing of the contract on November 21, but the ground-breaking ceremony was held December 14.

Bad weather and heavy rains caused the contractors to lose 13 days dating from November 26, but in the 23 days they did work during the first phase of the project, 130,000 cubic yards of dirt were moved, "so we are not far off the pace," says Schell.

He said approximately 60 people were on the job during the first month, but he said as many as 300 people will be working at the site later, when construction is at its peak.

Christian Action Agency Sets Series Family Life Meetings

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission, will conduct a series of family life revivals and conferences in Mississippi this spring beginning with Ingalls Avenue Church, Pascagoula, Dr. Allen Webb, pastor, Feb. 11-14.

Others include Ruleville Baptist Church, Rev. Richard Gordon, pastor, Feb. 18-21; Hillcrest Church, Jackson, Rev. Maurice Clayton, pastor, Feb. 23-25; Parkway Church, Kosciusko, Rev. Billy Williams, pastor, March 31-April 4; Monticello Baptist Church, Rev. Kenneth Roberts, pastor, April 7-11; Ridgeland Baptist Church, Rev. Jerry Odom, pastor, April 14-18; First Church, Picayune, Rev. Bill Duncan, pastor, April 22-26; Prentiss Baptist Church, Rev. Bob Sheffield, pastor, April 29-May 2; First Church, Tupelo, Rev. Billy T. Nimmons, pastor, May 13-16; Taylorsville Baptist Church, Rev. W. C. Burns, pastor, May 18-20; and Carriage Hills Church, Southaven, Rev. J. B. Miller, pastor, May 26-30.

Agricultural Missions Foundation To Meet In Yazoo City On Feb. 16

The third annual meeting of Agricultural Missions Foundation will be held in Yazoo City on Friday night, February 16. James F. McKinley, Jr., missionary on leave from Bangladesh, is expected to give a first-hand account of his experiences during those trying days when this tidal-wave-devastated area became a solid battlefield. Mr. McKinley was a keynote speaker at the W. M. U. meeting at the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia last June.

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The New Californians



Porter



Higgins



Hilderbrand



Gunn

Program Personalities Announced: MC Religious Emphasis Week

Four guest speakers — two from within the state and two from without — will be featured during the Mississippi-College Religious Emphasis Week scheduled for Feb. 12-15.

Carrying out the theme "My B (r) other?" will be Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor of the First Church of Biloxi; Mrs. Betty Higgins, director of public relations at Clarke Junior; Ray Hilderbrand, national staff member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes stationed in Kansas City, Mo.; and Nathan Porter, director of Student Evangelism with the Home - Mission Board, SBC.

They will be speaking at various times in chapel programs, special seminars, dormitory discussion group and at luncheons throughout the week.

Gunn is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary

and has been pastor of the Biloxi church since 1972.

He is second vice president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and chairman of the Order of Business Committee of the MBC. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of William Carey College.

Mrs. Higgins received her bachelor of arts degree from Chaminade College and has done graduate work at University of Hawaii, University of Southern Mississippi, and Golden Gate Seminary.

Prior to joining Clarke Mrs. Higgins was women's editor of CBS in Honolulu. A free lance writer, she has published in Home Life, Church Administration, Open Windows, Methodist Family Magazine, the Christian Mother, and others.

A graduate of Howard Payne College where he was an outstanding basketball player, Hilderbrand has fast become a nationally known entertainer.

One of his records, "Hey, Paula," has sold over three million copies.

In 1964 he quit a Dick Clark tour, opened his entire life to Christ and began telling his story and witnessing for Christ. His work with the FCA takes him from coast - to - coast, singing, playing his guitar and entertaining.

Porter is a native of Brazil, where his parents served as missionaries from 1922 to 1962. A graduate of Baylor University and Southern Seminary, his current work finds him assisting campus ministers and Baptist student organizations in student evangelism.

In addition to the four speakers, The New Californians, a traveling religious rock group, will be on the campus Wednesday, Feb. 14, to sing and give testimonies. Two former Mississippi College students are members of the group.

Religious Emphasis Week will climax with a production of "Come Together," a religious folk musical, on Thursday evening. Tanner Riley, minister of music at the First Church, Clinton, is the director.

help agricultural missionaries by providing things to work with such as seed, tools, livestock and information. Owen Cooper, SBC president and one of the founders of AMF, will participate on the program.

During its brief three years of existence, AMF has provided more than \$30,000 to agricultural missionaries to purchase essential farm needs, donated literally thousands of dollars worth of seed, livestock, and equipment and made available other services, the cost of which would have otherwise been prohibitive.

Interested groups and individuals are urged to join in this direct mission effort and are invited to the February 16 meeting. There will be a business and information session in the Mississippi Chemical Corporation Board of Directors room beginning at 4:00 p.m., followed by a buffet supper. The general session will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Yazoo City's First Baptist Church. The public is invited to both meetings. Reservations for the evening meal should be made by contacting Gene Triggs in Yazoo City.

STATEWIDE MUSIC METHODS & MATERIALS CLINIC

Alta Woods Baptist Church - Jackson, Miss. - February 15 - 16, 1973

General Sessions



William J. Reynolds
Nashville

Preschool



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Youth



John Chandler
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Adult Choral



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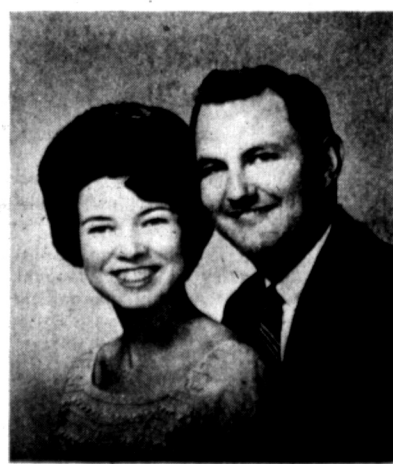
SCHEDULE

THURSDAY MORNING (Pre-session Activities)
9:30 "Happy Time" (Refreshments for early arrivals)
10:00 Choral Reading Session (Featuring music from various publishers & for children, youth, & adults)
11:30 Registration (For those not registered earlier)
12:00 Lunch at the church
Entertainment

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 General Session: "Church Music Is . . ."
2:00 Conference (For age-group leaders, music directors, organists, pianists, pastors, professors)
3:30 "Happy Time"
4:00 Conference Continued
5:30 Banquet — Entertainment: "Messengers"
William Carey College
Recognition & Awards

Mini Vocal Concert



Clint & Jarvis Rose Nichols
Hattiesburg

THURSDAY EVENING

7:00 General Session
Mini Organ Concert — Lyon
Creative Congregational Service — Reynolds
Mini Vocal Concert — Nichols

8:00 Conferences
9:30 Dismiss

FRIDAY MORNING

9:00 General Session — Featuring "Community of Singers" — Reynolds
9:25 Hey! Look What's Coming — Hall
9:55 "Happy Time"
10:15 Conferences (continued from Thursday)
11:30 Lunch at church — Rap Session Around Tables.
Entertainment: "The Naturals," Miss. College
1:30 Good Bye

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Nursery for preschool children open for all sessions; not open during meals.
2. Travel assistance provided for persons living 100 or more miles from Jackson: the driver will be paid 2¢ per person, per mile, round trip.
3. Advanced registration required; also a \$5.00 fee covers three meals & materials. Single meals are \$2.00.
4. The music directors of Rankin Association & Hinds-Madison Association are co-hosting this clinic. The clinic is sponsored by the Church-Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, and the Miss. Church Music Department.
5. This clinic is planned in cooperation with a Youth Leadership Conference, scheduled, Feb. 15-16 (nights only), Broadmoor Church, Jackson, & sponsored by the Church Training Department.

Entertainment



"The Naturals"
Mississippi College

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EDITORIAL

A Trip To The Holy Land

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draperies and priestly activities that their significance is lost. Despite this, however, the visit is most worthwhile, and those who have opportunity to do so should make the trip.

Movement to the Holy Land today is on giant jet-liners which rush through the skies at hundreds of miles per hour, and one may have the privilege of making a non-stop flight from New York to Tel Aviv. Our group did just that. The international airport near Tel Aviv is called Lod Airport, and is at the site of the Bible city of Lydda. It is a modern airport in every way, and planes of the world land there daily.

The pilgrim will find modern highways connecting the cities and towns he wants to see, with comfortable buses and limousines, splendid hotels, delicious foods, and every accommodation for comfort. No country has finer security, and the tourist will walk the streets and travel the highways with the same safety, and maybe even greater safety, than in his own land.

Now what will he see as makes a pilgrimage to the shrines of Bible events, which have come to mean so much to him as he has studied his Bible? He will see a variety of things, for in many cases the "holy place" has been covered by an ancient (or modern) cathedral, but in many others it probably will be much as it was in Bible days.

Mount of Olives

Let us begin at Jerusalem. Here the pilgrim may first be taken to the Mount of Olives, where he can get an overview of the great city which is both old and new. He will know that as he stands on this mount he is somewhere near that place where the Lord last met his disciples and was watched by them as he ascended into heaven. Today the mountain has some old churches and shrines, some institutions, many old residences, some new apartment buildings, some modern hotels, and other places of interest. Looking to the east, the one looks upon the wilderness of Judea, down toward the Jordan valley. To the west the vista is of Jerusalem. He sees the old city enclosed in its ancient wall, and the surrounding newer city, stretching as far as his eye can follow over the hills and into the valleys which hide to the west. At the very center of the view before him lies the temple area, where today stands the Muslim Dome of the Rock and another mosque, on the very site of the temples of Solomon and Herod.

Between the old city wall and the Mt. of Olives he will see the Kidron Valley, with Jewish cemeteries all along its slopes, and just before him on the side of the hill he will look upon the Garden of Gethsemane, with churches built over the Bible sites. The ancient olive trees still standing there remind him of the agonizing prayer of the Lord just before his arrest. Many landmarks of the city and the surrounding hills will leave an unforgettable picture in the mind of the viewer.

The Temple Area

After this visit to the Mt. of Olives the pilgrim probably will make a walking tour of the old city, entering at the Damascus gate on the north side, the Jaffa gate on the Southwest or one of the several other old gates. He will walk through the narrow streets and look in amazement at the little shops and stores which line them. He will move down to the "wailing wall" or "western wall" as it is called by the Jews, and see this section of the ancient temple area, with some of the lowest foundation stones perhaps laid by Solomon's builders. He will see numerous Jewish people there, praying at this wall which is one of the world's most sacred spots unto them. He will ascend the walk to the entrance gate into the temple area itself, and gaze at the two Moslem mosques which stand on the temple site. One of them, the Dome of the Rock, is a magnificent structure, and as one goes inside he looks upon the rock, where tradition says Abraham offered Isaac. Shoes are removed before one can enter either of these mosques for these are holy places to the Moslems. Prayer rugs cover the floors, and many followers of Mohammed are seen in prayer.

Standing on the grounds of this temple area, one can, in his mind's eye see the temple of Solomon and the temple of Herod, and can think of his Lord had his disciples gathering often in this place. He remembers, too, Pentecost, and the power of God so mightily manifest here.

The pilgrim will see the traditional place of Christ's trial before Pilate; will follow through narrow streets in what tradition calls Via Delosa the way of the cross. He will be taken to an ancient church building which he is told covers the site of the crucifixion and the burial and resurrection and inside the building will be allowed to enter what is called the tomb. He is a little disturbed by all the statues and

trappings which surround the place, and by the priests who guard it.

Garden Tomb

He will feel a different stirring of his heart, however, when he is taken outside the city walls to a place where there is something like a skull in the rocks, and an ancient cemetery above. He remembers Golgotha, "the place of the skull" and concludes, "This must be the place!" Nearby is a lovely garden and an ancient empty tomb, and sitting under the old trees, he will hear a simply testimony from a Christian who is one of those who keep this garden, and speaks clearly of the death and resurrection of the Lord. Somehow, pilgrim will feel that this may have been the place, or surely something like it. Stepping inside this empty tomb, many wondrous things will fill his mind concerning his risen Lord.

The visitor also will go to Mt. Zion where he will see (also in an old building), the tomb of David, and the upper room where tradition says Jesus met with his disciples for the last supper and other experiences.

There is much more to be seen in Jerusalem, such as some of the pools mentioned in Jesus ministry and other sacred places. He also may go out to Emmaus where Jesus appeared after his resurrection, and may stop in Bethany on the east side of the Mt. of Olives where Mary and Martha and Lazarus lived, and where Lazarus was raised from the dead. There may be visits to other places too. It will be according to the length of time the pilgrim has to linger in this old city.

The New City

While in Jerusalem, the one who has come to see the land will visit Yad Vashem, the memorial to those Jews who were so ruthlessly massacred during World War II, and something will happen within his soul, that will make him join in the Jewish prayer for peace for all men.

He will visit the government building, the Knesset, and the Israel Museum and especially the Shrine of the Book which houses the Dead Sea scrolls. He will stand in awe as he looks at the complete book of Isaiah which dates long before Christ, and yet in almost every jot and tittle is like the Isaiah manuscripts of today. He will find here confirmation of how God has preserved his word.

The pilgrim will see the modern city of Jerusalem, the rising skyscrapers, the modern business district, and will know how true are the words of the Scriptures that these ancient cities shall live again. Jerusalem is alive and booming today.

Other Holy Places

The pilgrim has just begun his journey, for he must go to Bethlehem to view the birthplace of our Lord, marked as in a cave, located beneath an ancient church building.

He will journey down the hills from Jerusalem to Jericho and the Jordan Valley, and come to realize how true was the statement that Jesus went "down" to Jericho, and that Jerusalem sits upon the hills. That city lies 2741 feet (highest point) above sea level, while the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea itself is the lowest point on earth, being 1286 feet below sea level.

Jericho is an oasis in the desert, and there may be seen sycamore trees like unto that in which Zaccheus probably had climbed when Jesus spoke to him. Just to the west of the city will be seen the towering heights of the Mt. of Temptation, and the pilgrim will learn that it may have been here that our Lord underwent his temptation. To the east of Jericho a few miles flows the Jordan river, and the traveler may go to a site which tradition says was the place of the baptism of Jesus. Not far before this the winding river enters the Dead Sea.

At the Northwest corner of the Dead Sea is Qumran the place where the Dead Sea scrolls were found; and the traveler may journey south on a modern highway perched between the Dead Sea and the barren and precipitous Judean hills which press almost to the waters edge in most places, to Masada, the ancient fortress, where Herod build palaces atop an almost inaccessible mountain crest, and where, in 72, more than 900 Jews chose suicide rather than surrender to the Roman army which already had destroyed Jerusalem and conquered the land. Further south are new Jewish industrial developments taking out the mineral riches of the Dead Sea. Turning west over the hills one enters the Southern part of the Land where Israel is using water from the Sea of Galilee far away, to transform a desert into new farming lands, and also is bringing in industrial development with new cities, and growing groups of people. Westward he will move to the Gaza strip, with its old and with much that is new.

Moving Northward

The tour is not over for there still is much to see as we move to the

North. Going north from Jerusalem through winding hills and valleys, one passes many places of Bible history. (Or he may move North up the Jordan Valley from Jericho, as our party did this time.) He comes to Samaria and stands by the well where Jesus spoke to the Woman at the Well and led her to faith in him. He looks upon the twin mountains concerning which Moses spoke in blessing and cursing the people. He moves on up to other sites of Bible history, both old and New Testament and then comes into the great valley of Jezreel, which today is a beautiful picture of agricultural development, with fields and orchards. In all directions he will see on the hills developing towns and cities.

As he crosses the valley the sees on the hills ahead the city of Nazareth. To his left he will see Mt. Carmel which reaches to the sea at the great modern city of Haifa, and from whose lofty heights Elijah called down fires from heaven to prove that God was the true God. On the right rises Mt. Tabor. Climbing the hill on modern roads, he quickly is in Nazareth, now an Arab city of more than 50,000. On the hills to the Southeast he sees new buildings and developments and is told that this is the new Jewish Nazareth. In this city, under a new Roman Catholic church building, the pilgrim will be shown the place of the annunciation of the birth of the Lord, and nearby, under a monastery, the traditional site of Christ's boyhood days, also a cave. Walking these streets the Christian will think of his Lord's growing years in these scenes. If he is a Baptist he will visit the Baptist church and school, here, for this one of the strongest Baptist centers in Israel.

The bus moves out of Nazareth along winding roads toward the Sea of Galilee. On the way it passes Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle, and Nain where he healed the widow's son. Soon the road crosses a hill, and below is the beautiful sea of Galilee, some ten miles wide and close to 20 miles long. To the south is the Jordan valley, and to the north the upper Jordan, which is much higher, and now has been transformed into a vast farming area. Across to the east are the towering hills of Golan Heights. The road winds swiftly down into the city of Tiberias, which is a mixture of the old and new. The traveler's bus moves along the edge of the lake to the sites of Capernaum and the hills of teaching and feeding the five thousand. Visiting these places is a blessing as they are much as they must have been in the days of Jesus, and standing beside the sea, one knows that his feet are touching ground where Jesus walked.

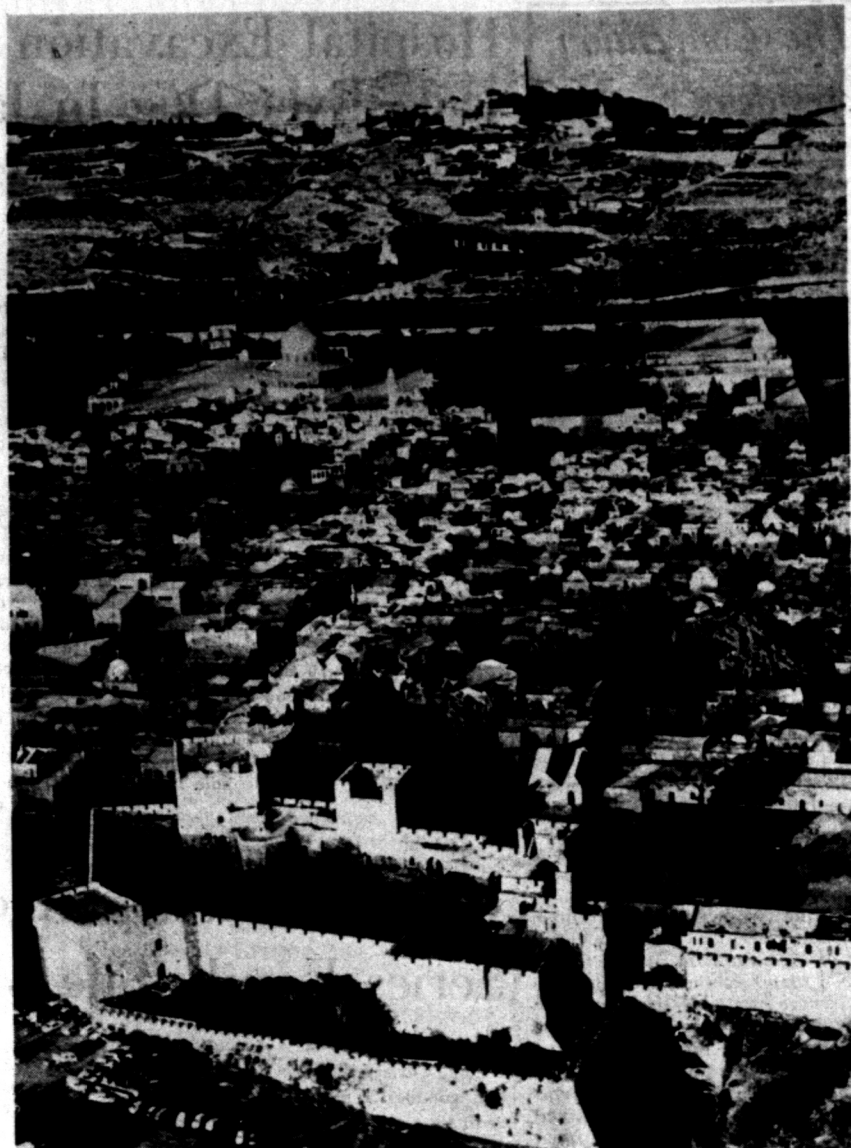
Galilee

The trip may take one across the sea of Galilee from this point, or his bus make take him back around the west and south side of the lake, and halfway up the east side where he may have a meal on "St. Peter's" fish and other foods of the area. Here he will know that he is somewhere near where Jesus healed the man from the tombs. Then he may enter a boat and cross the sea, and will think of the apostles who fished in that area and were called from their nets to follow the Lord, and of our Lord himself, walking upon those waters, stilling the storms, and feeding his disciples there in the breakfast that followed his resurrection.

The pilgrim may move up into the area above Galilee, going all the way to Caesarea Philippi, at the foot of Mt. Hermon, where our Lord announced the building of his church. He may turn west toward the Mediterranean, and visit Haifa, and its surrounding area, with many Biblical ties, although this city itself is not mentioned in the Bible. Then down the coast on the plain of Sharon, to Caesarea where Paul was held and made defense of his ministry before kings, and where, earlier, Peter had preached to Cornelius.

Throughout his journeys the pilgrim will see the developments which have come under the nation of Israel, with new cities, farming, new industries, and progress everywhere. Despite all of this, Israel has preserved the holy places, the Bible shrines, and they will be kept always so that the pilgrim who loves his Bible and its message, can come to see the places where his Lord and other Bible persons lived and worked.

What we have seen in this brief visit is only a small part of the many places to be seen by those who come to the Holy Land to see its shrines. Yet, even these tell something of the rich experiences which await the visitor. When one has walked in them, he turns homeward with memories, which never can be erased. He also goes with new assurance in his heart of the glorious truth of the Bible he believes.



Old City Of Jerusalem

Aerial View of the Old City of Jerusalem. The Jaffa Gate and David's Tower is seen in the foreground; the Church of the Holy Sepulchre at middle left; the Western (Wailing) Wall and the Mosque of Omar in the center; and the Mount of Olives on the ridge at the skyline.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Makes Comment On Abortion Laws

Dear Sir:

May I comment just briefly on the Supreme Court's recent liberalization of the nation's abortion laws?

Several years ago I either read, or heard, one of the most succinct observations on this subject it has ever been my privilege to come across.

It was simply this: "It seems like all of the people who advocate birth control have already been born."

One other comment: I know many people will say, "doesn't a pregnant female have the right to say what will be done with her own body?" Well, perhaps. But does she also have the right to say what will be done with someone else's body? Her baby has one, you know.

Broox Sledge
First Baptist Church
Macon, Miss. 39341

Approves Editorial On National Council

Dear Brother Odle:

I just want to give you a big hurrah! for the top article on the editorial page of the January 18 Baptist Record — "National Council and Southern Baptists."

In my book, the National Council of Churches has done inestimable damage to the cause of Christ in this country and throughout the world. I never could understand how Carson Blake could arrange to get on so many programs and thereby spread his Communistic doctrine. Also hard to understand is why some of our religious denominations took him in! I'm so proud Southern Baptists didn't "bite."

I hope all of our Southern Baptist editors will give the N.C.C. the publicity it should have—just as you have done.

George I. Martin
809 N. Main St.
Sylvestor, Ga. 31791

(Retired School administrator, former member of New Hope Baptist Church near Meridian, and deacon)

Was Associational Missionary In 1920

Dear Dr. Odle:

I was recently informed that under all probability I pioneered associational missions in Mississippi.

I was missionary in Tishomingo, Prentiss, and Alcorn Counties in 1920. I thought that perhaps you might know if this can be ascertained.

By the way, I have just returned from a tour of the Holy Land, in which I had the privilege of preaching on a boat in the middle of the sea of Galilee. Is this a record?

C. C. Weaver
Route 2
Daleville, Miss.

(Does anyone know of Associational Missions work in the state before 1920? If so, write us. — Editor.)



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Learn To Say "I Love You"

Maybe one of the best things each of us could do would be to work toward an increase in vocabulary.

It is quite interesting to me as a language teacher to listen as people express themselves. Probably my favorite topic is someone offered me a soap box for five minutes would be the limp, starchless, wet - noodle way many young people have of expressing themselves. A typical opinion too often goes like this, "Well, I don't know — it's like — you know? I mean, it's just — well, you know? I mean, you know, I think — well, I can't say it like I want to — you know?"

I feel like saying, "No, I don't know. If I had known, I wouldn't have asked."

But young folks don't have a corner on being inarticulate. Adults have limited vocabularies, too. Some words which would fantastically augment the ability of adult expression are please, thank you, I'm sorry, and I love you.

These words do not require any etymological research, nor do their meanings drastically limit their use. Each word is at home in every vocabulary, no matter how many other words of lower or higher sound dwell there. Each word is at home, or should be, in all meaningful human relationships.

Next Wednesday has special marking on the calendar. It's a day for saying, "I love you." Nobody will be too surprised about a box of candy, a vase of flowers, or some other item red - wrapped for Valentine's Day.

But what about days like February 15, April 4, June 2, August 9: They count, too. Those are just days — likely to be busy or boring, sad or happy, rainy or sunny. That's when "I love you" will make a bad day good and a good day better — when it isn't decreed by a holiday and reminded by commercials. You wouldn't want the following to be said of you, would you?

Thirty days have September, April, June and November

All the rest have thirty - one
Except your Valentine.

Who has only one.
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Abortion: 'A Right Of Privacy'

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Third, in the last three months of pregnancy, the fetus develops "the potentiality of human life," that is, it may have the ability to remain alive apart from the mother's body. Therefore, the state may regulate or even prohibit abortion, except where necessary to preserve the health or life of the mother.

The Georgia abortion law was much more complex than the Texas law and was different enough to merit separate treatment by the court. While the question in the Texas law had to do with the constitutionality of denying the right of abortion, the question in the Georgia law had to do with the constitutionality of "procedures" required for an abortion.

The Georgia law prohibited abortion except for four reasons: danger to the pregnant woman's life, probable injury to her health, the possibility of birth with serious defects, and pregnancy as the result of rape.

Three procedures were required for an abortion in Georgia: (1) it must be performed in a hospital accredited by the Joint Committee on Accreditation of Hospitals, a non-governmental agency; (2) the hospital staff abortion committee must approve the procedure; and (3) the attending physician's judgment must be confirmed by two other licensed physicians.

These procedures were ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

The two decisions raise numerous other questions which Baptists and others should seek to understand. Among them:

Question: Was this a Warren type or "liberal" Supreme Court that rendered the decision?

Answer: No. This was a "strict constructionist" court, most of whose members have been appointed by President Nixon. It is important to note that the court's decision was read by Justice Harry A. Blackmun and concurred in by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, and Justices William O. Douglas, William J. Brennan, Potter Stewart, Thurgood Marshall and Lewis F. Powell.

Only Justice William H. Rehnquist, a Nixon appointee, and Justice Byron R. White dissented.

Question: Did the Supreme Court violate religious property by its abortion decision?

Answer: The Roman Catholic hierarchy insists that the Supreme Court blundered by making an immoral, anti-religious and unjustified decision. It has vowed to continue the fight against relaxed abortion laws.

However, most other religious bodies and leaders, who have expressed themselves, approve the decision. Social, welfare and civil rights workers hailed the decision with enthusiasm.

The Supreme Court itself recognized "the sensitive and emotional nature of the abortion controversy." It said, however, that "we need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins."

"When those trained in the respective disciplines of medicine, philosophy, and theology are unable to arrive at any consensus," the court continued, "the judiciary at this point in the development of man's knowledge, it is not a position to speculate as to the answer."

Thus, it appears to be the view of the court that it decided a constitutional question without attempting answers to the medical, philosophical or theological problems in abortion.

Rev. Charles Everitt Returns To State

Peach Creek Church, Panola County, has called Rev. Charles Everitt as pastor. Mr. Everitt began his new duties January 21, moving there from the pastorate of Bethel Church, Danville, Illinois.

He was born in Pelahatchie, attended Hinds Junior College, and graduated from Mississippi State University. He did special study at Mississippi College and received the Th.B. degree from Southwestern Seminary.

For 19 years prior to 1968 he was superintendent of missions in associations in Illinois and Mississippi. From 1966 - 69 he was pioneer missionary in northern Indiana. He held student pastorates in Oklahoma and Texas and pastorates in Illinois, Arkansas, and Mississippi.

Mrs. Everitt is the former Mildred Ingram. The Everitts, who have three daughters, all of whom now live away from home, moved on January 17 to Route 2, Como, Ms. 38619.

Birthday cards first saw the light in Bavaria, Germany, as did the postcard. Get-well cards, started by the Sundine Society in Massachusetts, hit the stores in 1901. The first art work was grotesque, or cartoonlike, before graduating to the pretty. Today's cards may contain gimmicks, humor and sentimental messages, all made to tempt the public into perusing, selecting and purchasing.

One way to satisfy underpaid postal employees without straining the national budget would be to give them a raise but mail them their checks.

An open confession is good for the soul, but bad for the reputation.

What is SBC Position
Question: What is the Southern Baptist position on abortion?

Answer: There is no official Southern Baptist position on abortion, or any other such question. Among 12 million Southern Baptists, there are probably 12 million different opinions.

Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in St. Louis in 1971, adopted a resolution acknowledging differing viewpoints on the question of abortion, and expressing "the belief that society has a responsibility to affirm through the laws of the state a high view of the sanctity of human life, including fetal life, in order to protect those who cannot protect themselves."

The resolution further called on Southern Baptists "to work for legislation that will allow the possibility of abortion under such conditions as rape, incest, clear evidence of severe fetal deformity, and carefully ascertained evidence of the likelihood of damage to the emotional, mental, and physical health of the mother."

In 1972, however, at least three Baptist state conventions opposed liberalization of abortion laws in Illinois, Arkansas and Michigan, especially laws permitting "abortion on demand."

The District of Columbia convention tabled an anti-abortion resolution.

Question: Does the Supreme Court decision on abortion intrude on the religious life of the people?

Answer: No. Religious bodies and religious persons can continue to teach their own particular views to their constituents with all the vigor they desire. People whose conscience forbids abortion are not compelled by law to have abortions. They are free to practice their religion according to the tenets of their personal or corporate faith.

The reverse is also now true since the Supreme Court decision. Those whose conscience or religious convictions are not violated by abortion may not now be forbidden by a religious law to obtain an abortion if they so choose.

In short, if the state laws are now made to conform to the Supreme Court ruling, the decision to obtain an abortion or to bring pregnancy to full term can now be a matter of conscience and deliberate choice rather than one compelled by law.

Religious liberty, human equality and justice are advanced by the Supreme Court abortion decision.

Frosty Breath Of Life

I watched two wet but happy squirrels outside my window this morning. Normally their fur is smooth and fluffy; today it looks like an animated pin cushion, each hair a tiny pin with a drop of mist for its head. Their tails were more nearly like those of chihuahuas — flattened down, unbushy. Even with all this moisture they were romping and frolicking like thoroughbred colts on bluegrass in April.

It is one of those memorable mornings of winter. The general atmosphere is a wee bit on the bleak side. The humidity is at a minimum of 101%. Wet leaves squish under your feet. The brick walks are a dark, cranberry red.

Your shoulder pads get damp through your four-year-old, not-too-water-proof London Fog. The lenses of your glasses look like the outside of a silver goblet

filled with ice water. Sound familiar?

Some people do not care for this kind of weather, but it happens to be one of my favorite times.

I think I know why. Discomfort in one season is just part of the total fabric of nature's tapestry. No painting is great without the expert employment of shadows. Winter does that for us but with a quiet, lofty beauty. You see it in the glimmer of sun and mist, in the drifts of deep snow that puff the cheeks of the hillsides, in the frost on grass and car top, in the undulating still of a frozen pond.

So, I breathe it deeply and wipe my face, putting my glasses in my pocket. I thank God again for this gift of winter, and for me it is the great season. I think I shall always see the Breath of Life beat on a frosty morning.

—Grady Nutt in "The Tie," 1967.

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placed allegiance, if not outright idolatry, to the extent that they fail to distinguish between the god of an American civil religion and the God who reveals himself in the holy scriptures and in Jesus Christ," Hatfield said in his opening remarks.

"If we as leaders appeal to the god of civil religion, our faith is in a small and exclusive deity, a loyal spiritual advisor to power and prestige, a defender of only the American nation, the object of a national folk religion devoid of moral content," the Senator warned.

"We sit here today as the wealthy and the powerful," Hatfield said in his speech, which received the warmest applause with exception of that given to the President.

"But let us not forget that those who follow Christ will more often find themselves, not with comfortable majorities, but with miserable minorities," he observed.

He observed that the prayers of those gathered in the glittering ball room begin with repentance "for the exile of love from our hearts . . . (and) the sin that has scarred our national soul."

The Oregon Senator, prominent also as a Baptist layman, called for "a 'confessing church' — a body of people who confess Jesus as Lord and are prepared to live by their confession."

"Lives lived under the lordship of Jesus Christ at this point in our history may well put us at odds with values of our society, abuses of political power, and cultural conformity of our church," Hatfield said. He urged those present to be "Christ's messengers of reconciliation and peace. . . . Then we can soothe the wounds of war and renew the face of the earth and all mankind."

Arthur F. Burns, chairman of the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System, in the main message to the National Prayer Breakfast group, challenged the leaders gathered there "to bring new hope to our people . . . by devoting (their) energy to creating a social order based on justice and love . . . and to remember to pray for divine guidance in all your decision."

Therman V. Bryant, associate in the department, who will direct the meetings, said that the first would be held at Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Feb. 11-13, with the second to be held at Clarke College, Newton, Feb. 19 - 20.

Program personalities for the Blue Mountain Conference will be Dr. E. Harold Fisher, president of the college; Rev. Ernest J. Kelley, assistant to the executive secretary, Cooperative Missions, Georgia Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Georgia; Dr. William W. Leathers, Jr., retired, former pastor, First Baptist Church, Henderson, North Carolina, and Dr. James L. Travis, Chairman, Department of Religion of the college.

Subjects to be discussed at both conferences will be "The Pastor's Leadership in a Functioning Church," "The Pastor's Role in Building Relationships," "The Pastor as Leader."

Program personalities for the Clarke College conference will be Dr. W. Lowrey Compere, president of the college; Dr. Charles H. Melton,

Presidents At Prayer

George Washington, the nation's first President, and Abraham Lincoln, the Great Emancipator, at prayer. The stone sculpture of Washington (left photo) depicts him praying during the darkest days of the American Revolution, when he and his troops were wintering at Valley Forge. The bronze figure of Lincoln is located in the Washington Cathedral and is believed to be the only

statue of him ever sculptured in the attitude of prayer. Executed by Herbert Houck of Harrisburg, Pa., it was inspired by a tale told by his grandfather, who said he once discovered Lincoln kneeling in the leaves while walking through the fields near Gettysburg. — (RNS Photo)

Prayer Breakfast: Peace Asked

Rural Baptist Pastors' Conferences Announced

Two Rural Baptist Pastors' Conferences will be held in the state's own, sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, according to Dr. Foy Rogers, director.

Therman V. Bryant, associate in the department, who will direct the meetings, said that the first would be held at Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Feb. 11-13, with the second to be held at Clarke College, Newton, Feb. 19 - 20.

Program personalities for the Blue Mountain Conference will be Dr. E. Harold Fisher, president of the college; Rev. Ernest J. Kelley, assistant to the executive secretary, Cooperative Missions, Georgia Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Georgia; Dr. William W. Leathers, Jr., retired, former pastor, First Baptist Church, Henderson, North Carolina, and Dr. James L. Travis, Chairman, Department of Religion of the college.

Subjects to be discussed at both conferences will be "The Pastor's Leadership in a Functioning Church," "The Pastor's Role in Building Relationships," "The Pastor as Leader."

Program personalities for the Clarke College conference will be Dr. W. Lowrey Compere, president of the college; Dr. Charles H. Melton,

Garrison Named Pastor First Church, Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP) — C. Eugene Garrison, pastor of the First Baptist Church of El Paso, Tex., has been named pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City succeeding Herschel H. Hobbs who is retiring.

Garrison, 41, will assume the pastorate on March 4, after serving for five years as pastor of the El Paso church.

Previously, he had been pastor of churches in Altus and Hobart, Okla., and Phillips and Grapevine, Tex. He is a graduate of West Texas State University, Canyon, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Kate Dnrham Morgan Asks

Had You Thought About This?

When a woman is speaking to you, listen to what she says with her eyes because the eyes are the "windows of the soul." Words are such poor means of communication while the eyes have no difficulty in expressing the true feeling of the person.

"I love you" is a wonderful thing to say to the person who has claimed your heart. "I love you" is the sweetest language of the tongue, coming from the adored one.

Yet the eyes give the words a third dimension, put depth, strength, not possible with words.

The eyes can speak when words are not allowed. I saw a middle-aged man sitting in church with his wife of twenty-five years. As he shifted his position he placed his arm along the back of the pew and gently curved his hand about her shoulder. Ever so lightly he pulled her a wee bit nearer to him. And the LOVE in his eyes as he smiled at her was a whole library full of books on LOVE. Her returned smile was a commentary on LOVE that grows deeper and sweeter with the passing years.

How does the boy know WHEN to say, "I love you"? WHEN he SEES "I LOVE YOU" in her eyes, even when she is talking to him about the most casual things.

Her eyes will say, "I adore you, every little thing about you, the way your hair waves gently at the temple, that funny little freckle, and especially that deep dimple when you smile." She knows that he may not like the wave in his hair or the deep dimple, but just the same she loves them and her eyes say so each time her glance travels over his face. He is strong and fine, and she is proud of him, and her eyes say so.

Boys dread rejection as much as girls dread not being asked. The wise boy can read the eyes of his chosen and knows, before he asks, that there is a YES for him.

All through the married years the eyes speak more clearly than words. When short-tempered, irascible, deeply it is the eyes that tell HOW deeply. The eyes are the revealer of great compassion when disappointments come to the one loved.

"Often it is ONLY the eyes that do the talking as the couple sits quietly relaxing, reading or engaged in a hobby. Brown eyes meet brown or blue or gray eyes and each holder receives the message. The message (that needs no words, no words spoken or written, no touch) that every one wants to hear: "I wouldn't have anyone else but YOU, for YOU are all I want."

SCRAPBOOK

Reading In Winter

"Tis winter, and I love to read indoors,
When the moon hangs her crescent up on high;
While on the window shutters the wind roars,
And storms like furies pass remorseless by.
How pleasant on a feather-bed to lie,
Or, sitting by the fire, in fancy soar
With Dante or with Milton to regions high,
Or read fresh volumes we've not seen before,
Or o'er old Burton's Melancholy pore."
—John Clare (1793-1864)

Winter-Time

Late lies the wintry sun abed
A frosty, flaky sleepy-head;
Blinks but an hour or two; and then,
A blood-red orange, sets again.
Black are my steps on silver sod;
Thick blows my frosty breath abroad;
And tree and house, and hill and lake,
Are frosted like a wedding-cake.
—From the poem by Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894)

The Winter's Spring

The winter comes; I walk alone,
I want no bird to sing;
To those who keep their hearts their own.
The winter is the spring.
No flowers to please—no bees to hum—
The coming spring's already come.
I never want the Christmas rose
To come before its time;
The seasons, each as God bestows,
Are simple and sublime.
I love to see the snowstorm hing;
Tis but the winter garb of spring.

It is the foliage of the woods
That winters bring—the dress,
White Easter of the year in bud,
That makes the winter Spring.
Nature's white wraith of the spring.
—John Clare (1793-1864)

Winter

Cold and raw the north
wind doth blow,
Bleak in the morning
early;
All the hills are covered
with snow,
And winter's now come
fairly.
—Mother Goose

Winter Visit

I have occasional visits in
the long winter evenings,
when the snow falls fast and
the wind howls in the wood,
from an old settler and original
proprietor, who is reported
to have dug Walden Pond,
and stoned it, and fringed it
with pine woods; who tells me
stories of old time and of new
eternity; and between us we
manage to pass a cheerful evening
with social mirth and pleasant
views of things, even without
apples or cider, a most, wise
and humorous friend.
—Henry David Thoreau (1804)

The Beautiful Snow

O the snow, the beautiful snow,
Come floating downward in airy play,
Piling the sky and the earth below!
Over the housetops, over the street,
Over the heads of the people you meet:
Dancing,
Flinging,
Skimming along.
Beautiful snow, it can do nothing wrong.
John Whittaker Watson (1869)

The Snow Shower

Here delicate snow-stars, out of the cloud,
Come floating downward in airy play,
Like spangles dropped from the glistening crowd
That whiten by night the milky way;
There broader and brierer masses fall;
The sullen water buries them all—
Flake after flake—
All drowned in the dark and silent lake.
—From the poem by William Cullen Bryant (1794-1878)

Scynte Valentine

"Scynte Valentine of costume years by years
to loke and serche cupides kalendere."
—Old English Valentine

Content

My crown is in my heart, not on my head;
Not deck'd with diamonds and Indian stones,
Nor to be seen: my crown is called content.
—William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

Verse Of The Week

"God thundereth marvelously
with His voice; great things
doeth He, which we cannot
comprehend. For He saith to
the snow, Be thou on the
earth" (Job 37:5-6).

Winter Fields

Now that the fields are
dank and ways be mire,
—John Milton 1608-1674

Mid-Winter

In the bleak mid-winter,
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on
snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter,
Long ago.
—Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Peace

When the voices of children
are heard on the green
And laughing is hear on
the hill,
My heart is at rest within
my breast
And everything else is still.
—William Blake (1759)



A Touch Of Beauty

Beauty can be found in the most adverse conditions, like this tree stripped naked by winter and sprayed with sparkling droplets from a wearisome rain. (RNS Photo)

Ministers Invited To Seminar On Pastoral Care Of The Ill

Ministers of various faiths will learn about pastoral care of the ill February 20 at Mississippi Baptist Hospital in an all-day symposium on that subject.

The 13th annual seminar on pastoral care of the ill is co-sponsored by the hospital and by the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The theme this year will be "Dialogue in Healing: Who Does The Healing?" according to Rev. Gordon Shamburger, hospital chaplain and seminar coordinator.

The program, he said, will concentrate on the role of the hospital, the role of the church, and the role of the community in helping heal the patient.

Speaking on the role of the hospital will be J. Don Corley, Th.D., Director of Pastoral Care for the Baptist Medical Center System in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Addressing participants on the role of the church will be Dr. Dudley Wilson, pastor of Northminster Baptist Church in Jackson.

The role of the community, with emphasis on social service aspects, will be discussed by Miss Marie Hoffman, director of the Social Work Department, University Medical Center.

A physician's view will be presented by Dr. Robert P. Henderson, immediate past president of the medical staff of Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. Katherine Feldman, hospital hostess, will describe the activities of hospital auxiliary members and the teen-age volunteer workers of the Candy Stripper organization.

Hospital administrator Paul J. Pryor will welcome the clergymen attending the seminar, which gets underway at 10 a. m. and which is scheduled to close at 3 p. m.

A special attraction, said Chaplain Shamburger, will be the showing of an American Medical Association film titled "The One Who Heals."

The American Bible Society, founded in 1816 to translate, publish and distribute the Scriptures, without doctrinal note or comment, in the first 155 years of its existence has distributed 1,336,751,420 copies of Scripture. Of this amount 67,880,199 were complete Bibles, 1,268,891 Testament and the remainder individual Biblical books or selected passages.

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Young Ministers' Wives Retreat Held At Garaywa

By Barbara Taylor
What's it like to be a young minister's wife? It's a bit more fun when you can get together with other young pastors' wives in the state for a weekend retreat and, to quote one of the wives, "let your hair down for a while." All of us enjoy fellowship and fun with our friends, and this past weekend really proved that point to be true.

Miss Marjean Patterson, executive secretary of Mississippi WMU, welcomed the group to Garaywa for the weekend and Mrs. Vernon May, state WMU president, shared, briefly with them some facts about the camp in Clinton. The 96 who were present enjoyed the weekend of learning, fun, sharing, and "midnight chats." An interesting dialogue between Mrs. James Fancher and Mrs. Charles Gentry, "We Were Young Ministers' Wives ONCE," gave the young wives some insights about possible situations in which they perhaps one day would find themselves — and also some helpful suggestions about developing happy relationships in their lives now.

Discussions concerning child rearing, living under pressures (as we all must surely do at times), adjusting to difficult situations in life, were led by Dr. Mildred Crider from Mississippi College. Some very interesting and helpful personal experiences were also related by the wives of our furloughing Mississippi missionaries who attend the retreat.

Being a minister's wife in Indonesia is quite different from being a minister's wife in the United States, and Mrs. Tom Barron related her recent experiences of going with her husband and family to serve in Indonesia. Her testimony of God's presence "to the ends of the world" encouraged those listening and helped all realize more surely that God IS everywhere.

A get-acquainted period and game time was directed on Friday night with competition in the games reaching a very exciting point. After this period of fun and relaxation, it was time to retire to the cabins for the night — and to begin conversations with old and new friends, some of which lasted far into the night!!!

Interest groups on Saturday morning provided a variety of helpful subjects for discussion. Rev. Carey Cox of the Baptist Foundation of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, gave advice about money management and budget planning. Because all of us are interested in eating well, the group led by Mrs. W. W. Newman of Mississippi College, "Eating Well on a Preacher's Salary" (or any salary!!) was especially interesting and helpful.

Missions was of interest and

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Mrs. Charles Gentry helps her group to know how they can use drama effectively in various situations.

those attending were glad to be able to talk with Mrs. Tom Barron about the steps and requirements for appointment for foreign mission service. In addition to gaining information related to foreign missions, Mrs. Howard Taylor added the dimension of home missions as she told about her experiences as a minister's wife in the pioneer area of New York.

In addition to these, another group which gave helpful suggestions for using dramatic presentations was directed by Mrs. Charles Gentry.

A delightful fashion show of spring designs, presented by the Morrison Heights Baptist Young Women, brought the retreat to a lovely ending.

With a weekend of fun, sharing, fellowship, and inspiration, these young ministers' wives returned to their homes and churches to continue serving our Lord in this special place to which they have been called — a minister's wife.

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Mississippians Invited Conference On Revival Planned In Louisiana

A Conference On Revival will be held February 19-23 at Milldale Baptist Church Campgrounds in Louisiana.

Pastors and laymen are invited to attend and to hear the dynamic messages on faith and victorious Christian living. For reservations write to Milldale Bible Conference, P. O. Box R, Zachary, Louisiana 70791 (phone 654-5065). Free meals and lodging will be provided.

Jack Taylor, pastor of Castle Hills First Baptist Church of San Antonio, Texas, will be the featured speaker Monday through Friday nights.

Mr. Taylor, well-known pastor, author, and Bible conference speaker, is author of the Broadman book, *The Key To Triumphant Living*, now in its sixth printing. His recent book, *Much More*, is also on the best seller list.

Graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and Southwestern Seminary, he is president of the Board of Trustees, Mexican Baptist Bible Institute; and pastor advisor for Southern Baptist Evangelists; chairman of the Evangelism Committee, San Antonio Baptist Association; and member of the Board of Directors of Hardin-Simmons University.

Leonard Sanderson, director of evangelism for the Louisiana Baptist Convention, will speak on Thursday night. Other speakers during the week will include Manley Beasley, and Sonny Holland, both evangelists.

Miss. Association Calls Missionary

Mississippi Association has called Rev. Lester P. Stone, pictured, as superintendent of missions. He will be living at Liberty, Ms.

Mr. Stone served as pioneer missions pastor in Pennsylvania. Prior to going to Pennsylvania in 1968 he had been pastor of Eastland Heights Church in Newark, Ohio, for three years. Ordained in 1946, he served pastorates in Alabama from 1946 until 1952, when he went to the Kennewick Baptist Church in Washington. For thirteen years he served churches in the Oregon-Washington convention, where he was a member of the executive board and executive committee of the board of that convention. Also he served on the board of directors of the Northwest Baptist Foundation.

A native of West Virginia, he attended Morris Harvey College in Charleston, W. Va., Samford University Extension centers in Baldwin County and Selma, Alabama, and received the Certificate of Christian Training from New Orleans Seminary.

Mrs. Stone is the former Ada Marie Rogers of Parkersburg, W. Va. The Stones have a married daughter and two grandchildren in White Plains, N. Y., where Don Porter, their son-in-law, is employed as director of special ministries of the Christian Herald Magazine in New York City.



Tommy and Diane Winders sing at the recent Rally in Tupelo.

Tommy Winders Sponsors Rally In Tupelo

A New Year's Eve Rally, sponsored by Tommy Winders Evangelism of Tupelo, was held in the Tupelo Civic Auditorium. It was attended by 400-500 people of all denominations. Featured on the program with Tommy and Diane Winders were NEW DAWN of West Jackson Street Baptist Church in Tupelo and HAPPINESS of Corinth and First Baptist Church there. HAPPINESS was formed as a result of a crusade held in Corinth last summer by Tommy and Diane Winders. Tommy closed the Rally with a short challenge for the new year. Several people accepted Christ and many new commitments were made.

"This Rally was the first of what is to be an annual event in the Tupelo area. One purpose of the Rally is to meet the need for a real Christian witness in the Tupelo area during the activities that surround New Year's Eve. Another purpose is to promote better cooperation among the churches and Christian community in the Tupelo area," states Mr. Winders.

Mr. Winders is a native of Tupelo. He graduated from Delta State College and New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife, Diane, are now engaged in full-time evangelism with offices in Tupelo. Their address is Box 1711, Tupelo 38801, as they recently moved back to Mississippi. Until August of 1972 he was associated with Richard Hogue Evangelism of Houston, Texas. In Tupelo, they are members of Harrisburg Church, Dr. Robert Hamblin, pastor. (Dr. Hamblin is on the Board of Advisors of the Winders Evangelistic Association as pastor-advisor.)

Revival Dates

Pleasant Hill Church, Carthage: Feb. 12-18; full-time evangelist, Glen Savell, Pascagoula, doing the preaching; Rev. Monroe Huckaby, pastor.

N. Calvary Church, Philadelphia: Feb. 25 - Mar. 2; full-time evangelist, Glen Savell, Pascagoula, doing the preaching; Rev. David Kendal, pastor.

Miss Conger Retires From Baptist Board

NASHVILLE — Helen Conger, first full-time librarian for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has chosen an early retirement from her position as acquisitions librarian, effective Feb. 1, for health reasons.

A native of Statesville, N. C., Miss Conger joined the Sunday School Board in August, 1944, as secretary to the director of junior work in the training union department. Three months later, she became assistant editor for the "Baptist Training Union Magazine."

At the invitation of Clifton J. Allen, now retired editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board, Miss Conger accepted the position as full-time librarian for the Dargan Memorial Library in 1947.

"The job I wanted the least was librarian of Dargan Memorial Library," recalls Miss Conger. "I told Dr. Allen that most librarians kept the books away from people."

But taking the job with Allen's persuasion, says Miss Conger, "I threw open the doors and windows, cleaned up the library and let in a breath of fresh air. Under Dr. Allen's leadership I concentrated on serving the editors and editorial staff of the board."

Miss Conger returned to her alma mater, George Peabody College for Teachers, and while working full-time earned the master of arts degree in library science in 1953. At the same time, she received the Louis Shores medal for highest honors in library science.

Meanwhile, the Dargan Memorial Library had become the Dargan-Carver Library, a cooperative venture of the Sunday School Board and the Southern Baptist Historical Commission. With this change, the library was on its way to becoming

a complete research center for Southern Baptists, with collections of Southern Baptist writings, documents and historic memorabilia.

By the middle of 1955, the library had tripled in size, and by 1965 it occupied new facilities totaling 14,868 square feet of floor space.

After almost 24 years under the leadership of Miss Conger, the library now has 53,000 volumes for circulation and approximately 265 subscriptions to business, professional, news and general reading magazines. Also offered in the library are microforms, audiovisual materials and equipment, verification service, bibliographies and literature searches, archives, photocopy service and audiovisual consultation. During this time the library staff has increased from one, Miss Conger, to thirteen professional and clerical employees.

The last year of Miss Conger's service has been spent as acquisitions librarian where she has had the responsibility of obtaining necessary materials to make the Dargan-Car-

ver Library the research center for Southern Baptists that it is today.

Church Administration Sponsors Pastoral Ministries Workshop

NASHVILLE — A Pastoral Ministries Workshop, focusing on the pastor who is the only staff member of his church, will be held in the Church Program Training Center at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Feb. 19-23.

Conducted by the church ministries section of the board's church administration department, this seminar will focus on the pastor's work in leadership, preaching and pastoral care.

For registration contact the Church Program Training Center, 127 Ninth Avenue N., Nashville, Tenn., 37234. A \$20 registration fee should be included. This fee will cover the seminar notebook, books and other materials, two meals, daily refreshments and administrative costs.

NEW MEMBER TRAINING MINI-SEMINARS SCHEDULED

Forrest Watkins, pictured, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will conduct four area New Church Member Training Mini-Seminars in Mississippi, February 12-16, according to Kermit S. King, director of the Mississippi Church Training Department.

Planned as a support program to the evangelism emphasis for 1973, these were scheduled to precede spring evangelistic efforts in the churches in order to give proper orientation to those who are won to Christ during these revivals.

Mini-Seminars are planned for February 12 at First, Pontotoc; February 13 at First, Winona; February 15 at Carey College in Hattiesburg; and February 16 at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

Starting time at each location will be 9 a.m. There will be two sessions, morning and afternoon.

"These seminars will attempt to give an overview of the New Church Member Training Program," according to Mr. King, "followed by a depth study and discussion of curriculum materials, organization for new member training, with a full discussion of problems faced by those who establish or seek to maintain work in this area."

Mr. Watkins is a General Administration Consultant with the Church Training Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. In this capacity he has primary responsibility for developing the program of New Church Member Training, preparing curriculum and promotional materials, and field servicing this program of the department.

Mr. Watkins has been associated with this program of work for over five years, coming to his present position from a successful pastorate in Florida in which he proved the value of new member training utilizing the curriculum and methods he now advocates. During his college days he was associated with the Baptist Children's Village in Jackson.

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Haggai Inspires Returned Exiles To Restore God's House

By Clifton J. Allen
Haggai

Haggai and Zechariah were prophets in Jerusalem following the restoration of a remnant of the exiles to their homeland. These two prophets exerted a strong influence in the religious development of God's people at a crucial time in their history, this time being related to the rebuilding of the Temple. The first of the exiles returned about 537 B.C., their return resulting from the decree of the Persian ruler Cyrus proclaiming liberty to (the decree of the Persian ruler Cyrus proclaiming liberty to Israel's exiles.) The prophetic challenge of Haggai some seven years after the exiles first returned inspired them to undertake anew the restoration of God's house, and the movement he began was carried to completion by Zechariah.

The Lesson Explained GOD'S HOUSE IN RUINS (vv. 1-6)

Haggai dates precisely the beginning of his prophetic ministry. Darius had become the Persian ruler. The time was the late summer of 520 B. C. Haggai's first concern, based on the word directly from the Lord, was to confront Zerubbabel and Joshua and then all the people with the condition of God's house. It lay in ruins. The people were preoccupied with personal concerns, many doubtless struggling for survival and others aggressively striving to get ahead in the world. But also, they were discouraged by poor crops and threats from hostile neighbors. Hardship and self-centeredness had destroyed the spirit of thanksgiving and concern for worship. Haggai confronted the political and religious leaders with the negative attitude of the people: it was not an opportune time to rebuild the house of the Lord. The people in Jerusalem were having a hard time, but they let this dull their sense of the primacy of worship. A further word came from the Lord to Haggai to be addressed directly to all the people. How could they justify living in sealed houses — which may mean with walls up and roofs completed — while the Temple was still in ruins? Their crop failures, their hardships, and their general plight pointed to God's judgment.

A CHALLENGE TO REBUILD (vv. 7-8)

Haggai confronted the people with the imperative of a word from the Lord of hosts. They needed to take stock of their situation, primarily their stewardship before the Lord and their dependence on him for both security and prosperity. Hence the challenge of Haggai to begin immediately work on the house of the Lord. The fact that this challenge to rebuild

came from the Lord of hosts emphasizes the fact that he was the mighty one, the Lord of the universe, not only deserving of the utmost devotion but the source of unlimited help. It is unbelievable that the people could have contented themselves to claim a covenant relation with so

great a God while they allowed his house to be a heap of ruins. The prophetic message was a challenge to undertake a venture that would encourage them in worship and become a witness to their faith and obedience. **RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE** (vv. 12-15)

Both Zerubbabel and Joshua demonstrated their fitness for spiritual leadership by willing response, and all the people followed their example in obedience to the word of God through Haggai. They were certain that God had spoken. They feared the Lord in the sense that they had reverential regard for his presence and they were desirous to obey his commandment. The Lord further spoke through Haggai to say that he would be with them. Their spirit came alive with a new sense of who they were as the people of God and of their mission as his people. They were identified with a great cause, and they were united in it. They learned that serving the purposes of God gave more meaning for life than climbing the ladder of personal success or even glorying in the prestige of their nation.

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Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Christians Resolving Differences

1 Corinthians 6:1-11
By Bill Duncan

If two individuals take time to compare ideas about any subject, there will be some differences. Many differences can be settled by looking for the things in life that agree. The negative approach has never solved many differences. However, life has many unpleasant experiences that call for Christian character in resolving differences.

The courts of our land have been called upon in modern times to solve some differences among groups in a church, differences between the pastor and the church, or between the denomination and the local church. The court was not able to solve the issue in the minds of the people because the issue was of such a nature that they should have worked it out themselves. There is "no right answer to a wrong question." The court of law can only render a judgment based upon facts that are presented. When men come to Christian honesty and accept one another as brothers, then there can be no reason to go to the court.

The Jewish law expressly forbade a Jew to go to law at all in a non-Jewish court; to do so was blasphemy against the divine law of God. Most Jewish differences were settled before the elders of the village or synagogue. To them justice was a thing to be settled in a family spirit rather than in a legal spirit.

The Corinthians (like most Greeks) were naturally and characteristically a litigious people. The law courts were in fact one of their chief sources of amusement and entertainment. In a Greek city every man was more or less a lawyer and spent a very great part of the time deciding or listening to cases. In matters involving less than about \$200, a jury would consist of 201 citizens; in other cases, a jury would consist of 401 citizens. The Greeks loved going to court about matters.

Certain of the Corinthians had brought their litigious tendencies into the Christian church. This shocked Paul with his Jewish background and with

his love for peace. Paul was shocked that Christians would ask un-Christians to settle matters for them.

The Jewish idea of the Messiah had the thought that He would judge all men of the world and the believers would share in the judgment. How could men who were to judge the world get involved in everyday squabbles that cannot be settled without a court?

The Christian principle that is given to us out of this passage is: To go to law at all and especially to go to court with a brother is to fall below the Christian standard of behavior. Christians who have the love of God in their hearts had rather suffer loss, injury, and damage than try to inflict them on someone else. The spirit of peace insists that we live in peace with our brother.

The differences of the world can be easily seen when one looks at the environment in which we must live. Human nature has not changed very much in the past 2,000 years. Paul in 1 Cor. 6:9-11 lists some examples of human nature at its worst in natural and unnatural vices. But with a spirit of praise he said, "And such were some of you." The proof of faith in God lies in the proof it produces in changed lives. No man can change himself, but Christ can. Man can be so changed that it is like being born again by the power of God.

Each man who has the capacity to be hateful and hard to get along with has the ability to be as kind as Jesus. The difference is in their nature. If we can treat men as brothers, with love, they will be more likely overcome by kindness. The world is shocked by love. But we will never influence the non-Christian by rejection and disrespect.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught the disciples the principle of the second mile. Matt. 6:40-41: "And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also and whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain." This is the idea of "Love thy enemies."

The cause of any type of lawsuit

or court action must be carefully examined by the Christian. Does it really deserve such grave action? Too many Christians are tempted with dishonesty in legal matters.

There are the cases that must be settled by a court when one person refuses to live according to the law that govern human relations. Our courts are overcrowded with cases that have no merit. There are also things for nothing.

Christians must be careful that their witness is not destroyed by wrong attitudes that would be paraded before the world in court. People know that Christians are not behaving selfishly when one goes the second mile or turns the other cheek. Let us be certain that the world sees a difference in our lives.

Lebanon Committee To Consider Plans For New Center

Appointment of a study committee to consider plans for the development of a Lebanon Baptist Assn. center for the 34 churches of the Hattiesburg area was approved by the executive committee of the association at a meeting at Immanuel Baptist Church on Jan. 25.

Rev. Leland M. Hogan, pastor of Cartersville Church, was elected vice moderator to replace Rev. W. A. Wimbs, former pastor of First Church of Glendale, who recently moved to Pascagoula.

Two ladies, dressed to the hilt in their Easter finery, were making slow progress in the crowd headed for the entrance to the church. Finally one of them burst out impatiently, "Now wouldn't you think that these people who do nothing but go to church Sunday after Sunday would stay home on Easter and leave room for the rest of us?" —M.C.D.

Candy Strippers Plan Springtime Bake Sale

The public is invited to the Springtime bake sale of the Candy Strippers of Mississippi Baptist Hospital February 10 at the hospital canteen on the main floor.

"The sale begins at 8:30 a.m. and runs until they sell everything — usually around mid-afternoon," said Mrs. Katherine Feldman, in announcing the event.

The 'teen-age volunteer hospital workers, led this year by Miss Kathy Jones as president, use the proceeds for a project on behalf of hospital patients.



First Wm. P. Davis Scholarship Given

Dr. Wm. P. Davis, (second from left), of Jackson, is seen handing to Rev. Versie Dee Lee of Foxworth, a student at the Central Center of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary in Jackson a check which represents the first scholarship gift from the Wm. P. Davis Scholarship Fund set up by his friends in honor of his many years of service. Mr. Lee is a student of Dr. Davis, who is interim academic dean and teaches at the center. The perpetual fund is invested in the Mississippi Baptist Foundation and is open and may be increased by friends. Looking on are Dr. T. B. Brown, (left), president of the Seminary, which has 28 centers over the state, and Rev. Richard Brogan, director of the Department of Work With National Baptists of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

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Devotional

A Day To Remember

Exodus 20:8-11

By Billy McKay, Pastor, Madison

"Remember the sabbath day. . . ." This commandment suggests the regularity of worship. This principle is restated in the New Testament in Hebrews 10:25: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. . . ." God realized that man needed a special time to turn his attention from earth to heaven and from man to God.



I. The Origin of the Sabbath Day. (20:11). In Exodus 20:11 the origin of the sabbath day has to do with God's creative purpose for man. The original idea of the sabbath seemed to have been one of cessation from labor. With the development of the synagogue after the exile, religious instruction was instituted. Jesus observed this Jewish Sabbath. The New Testament Christians began observing the first day of the week (Sunday) to commemorate Christ's resurrection (cf. John 20:6; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2).

II. The Observance of the Sabbath Day (20:8). To some people Sunday is a miserable day. There is a man in Dickens' story, *Little Dorrit*, who hated to hear the church bells ring on Sunday, because they reminded him of his unhappy childhood. Ruskin once said that Monday morning was the happiest morning in his week because there were six whole days before the "dreaded, hated, miserable Sunday rolled around again." Poor Ruskin! The Pharisees turned the Sabbath into gloom for they had some 1500 ways man could break the Sabbath. For example, he could not build a fire if it were cold, for this would be working! He could not get a flea off his body for this was hunting! On the other hand, there are thousands who testify as to the happy experiences of giving reverence to the Lord's Day.

III. The Ordinance of the Sabbath. (20:8). The word "remember" implies that such a day of remembrance already existed. (cf. Genesis 2:2-3). It is said that in the coal mines the moles would go blind if they were not taken out one day of the week. D. L. Moody once said, "No nation has ever prospered who has trampled the Sabbath in the dust. Show me a nation that has done this, and I will show you a nation that has got in it the seeds of ruin and decay." In conclusion we might say with Longfellow: "Sunday is the golden clasp that binds together the volume of the week." What are you doing with your Sundays? What are your Sundays doing to "you"?

Men's Day In A Rural Church

Pleasant Grove Church, Lincoln County, experienced the rewards of planning, promoting, and participating in Baptist Men's Day.

The Day began with a Prayer Breakfast at 7 o'clock. Thirty-one men enjoyed a menu of Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Grits, Homemade Biscuits, Jelly, Juice and Coffee. The moderator of Lincoln Association, Rev. Wiley Reid, brought a message.

At the morning worship service, a Men's Choir, Ensemble, and a Solo were featured in the service. A challenging message was brought on "Men For The Master." A great attendance in Sunday School and Morning Worship greeted the men.

A climax to Baptist Men's Day was experienced on Sunday evening as a new record attendance was set in

Training Union and a large attendance was noted at the worship services. Fellowship was the Grand Finale as men brought the cakes that had been challenged to bake (no help from the ladies!). There were 29 cakes brought to the Fellowship Hall to be judged by a panel of three judges. There were cakes of all descriptions sizes, and colors. Prizes were awarded to the first, second, and third place winners. Then the cakes were cut and served, along with punch, by the men to an enthusiastic crowd of wives, children, kinfolk and friends. "The testimony of a tremendous day at Pleasant Grove is that Baptist Men's Day, when properly planned and promoted, can bring 'new life' to any church," states Rev. Gerald Aultman, pastor.

Names In The News

Rev. Kermit McGregor recently was presented a Distinguished Service Award from Hattiesburg's Jaycees, as the city's outstanding young man of 1972. He won over a field of five other young men of that community. Pastor of Temple Church, he has lived in Hattiesburg with his wife, Phyllis, and two children, Lisa, 6, and Kermit, Jr., 3, for two years. Native of Pontotoc County, he is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and New Orleans Seminary. During 1972, Mr. McGregor served as chairman of the Missions Committee of Lebanon Assn. He is program chairman, Lebanon Baptist Pastors Conference, and chairman, Baptist Student Union advisory committee for the University of Southern Mississippi. He was chairman of the Clergy Division of Forrest County United Givers Fund. He serves Baptist Children's Village, as a member of the finance committee of the board of trustees and as chairman of the board's Child Care Division.

During the most recent student election held on the campus of Blue Mountain College, Robin Smith of Picaune was made freshman representative, and Susan Bell of Memphis was made sophomore representative on the Council of the Student Government Association.



Rev. and Mrs. Claude Lazenby (left) of Ebenezer Church, Senatobia, and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Westmoreland of Fort Worth, learned about religious television programs on film during a recent tour of the Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth. Mrs. Melynda Wester (right) was tour leader. Mrs. Westmoreland has since joined the Development Department of the Radio-TV Commission to help with the national Second Step Enlargement Program.—Radio-TV Commission Photo

Glen Savell, full-time evangelist from Pascagoula, has made one cassette recording of two sermons entitled, "Is God A Liar," and "After One Minute in Hell." These recordings are being made by Claude Townsend, The Townsend Foundation of Florence. These tapes will be another channel of spreading the gospel through the Glen Savell Evangelistic Association. Anyone interested in receiving one or more of these tapes for \$4.00 each may write: Glen Savell Evangelistic Association, 4711 Navaho Drive, Pascagoula, Ms. 39567.

First Church of Long Beach has called Walt Gautier as new minister of education and visitation. He is married and has three children ages 12, 10 and 7. He received his BS Degree from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, Minister of Divinity Degree from Southwestern Seminary and a Master of Religious Education from Southwestern. Mr. Gautier resigned in 1968 from the Navy as a Lt. Cmdr. after 11 years service, to enter the gospel ministry. Following the Navy he served as lay chaplain aboard ship. Dr. Gail DeBord is pastor.

Rev. James M. Metts, Jr., pastor of First Church, Marianna, Florida, attended the 21st annual National Prayer Breakfast February 1 at Washington, D. C., in the International Ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel. Mrs. Metts was invited and accompanied Mr. Metts on this trip.

Evangelist Bob Barker, Jr., of Mobile, Alabama, has just completed his second year in full-time evangelism, having preached 89 revivals during these two years with over 8,000 records.

ed decisions. He now publishes a full-size paper entitled, *Evangelistic Entreaty*. He has also begun a radio ministry, "Moments with the Master." He still has a few spring and summer dates open for 1973 and can be contacted at 55 Margaret Avenue, Chickasaw, Alabama, 36611 or by calling (205) 456-9283. Mississippi was where he began in full-time evangelism in a church out from Magnolia in 1971.

Missions Impossible? ? ? Not At Hardy

By Wm. R. Moss

Hardy Church, Grenada County, has completed one of the most fruitful efforts in history in regard to the Little Moon Christmas Offering.

Foreign Mission Week was kicked off with a Missions Fair on December 1. The mission organizations of the church tried to give a "fun" atmosphere while slipping in the facts of foreign missions. There was the Broadjump, where all "smiles" were measured and recorded. The widest smile won. Then there was the Discus Throw. Cardboard figures of the church leaders were stood up and paper plates were thrown at their favorite. The Royal Ambassadors had nails embedded on a map showing

mission fields and jar rings were used to throw and ring certain areas. Then the javelin-throwing event was throwing darts at balloons which contained facts about foreign missions. No fail is complete without the weight guesser. The pastor, Rev. Charles Jones, was the guesser. He gave 1c for each pound missed, giving himself a five pound spread each way. He totaled 182 pennies.

Four classrooms were decorated as exhibit booths on four foreign mission areas. Each booth had someone dressed in native costume as well as many articles and mission facts from each area.

Of course, a fair must have eats, so the popcorn man was there with

popcorn, drinks and cookies.

The church goal for 1971 had been \$650, and \$750 was given. But the membership decided not to set a goal in 1972. Each member on December 3 was asked to pray for guidance in his or her giving. After a week of prayer each member was to write the amount that God had laid on his heart on a piece of paper and place it in his Bible, to serve as a reminder all during December. The offering was taken all during the month; but the total was kept secret until the evening service of December 24.

At that service, with all members impatiently waiting, the total was given as \$1066.60. We were thrilled at what could be done without a goal if we let God have his way.

The Sunday School enrollment is 179.



Pictured above are (left to right) Mrs. Elizabeth Smart, church treasurer, accepting the check for \$1066.60 from Mrs. Audrey Coats, W. M. U. Director. Pastor Charles Jones looks on.



Like Father, Like Son

Among the 71 ministerial students enrolled at Blue Mountain College are seven members of the BMC Ministerial Alliance whose fathers are also ministers in Mississippi. Gathered for an informal hymn-singing before lunch together in the Student Center are, seated, left to right — Joe McIntire, Dumas; Wayne Marshall, Oxford; Dr. James L. Travis, Professor of Bible and advisor for the College Ministerial Alliance; and Kenneth Ray McMullan, Calhoun City. Standing, left to right—Kenneth Digby, Fulton; Philip Caples, Sardis; Danny Wilemon, Okolona; and Randy Bostick, Memphis. Caples and Marshall are sons of Rev. Doyle Caples and Rev. Ralph Marshall, both alumni of Blue Mountain College.

Mt. Zion Deacon Dies

Curtis Eugene Blair, deacon at Mt. Zion Church, near Mt. Olive, died Dec. 29.

"Mr. Blair devoted himself unselfishly to the cause of Christ, by practicing his religion on a full-time basis, and by teaching his Christian beliefs through all of his work in his church" stated a resolution adopted by Mr. Zion Church on January 14. Mr. Blair was superintendent of the Sunday School and served as deacon for twenty years. Rev. Don Nerren is pastor.

"We would like to recognize his contributions of time, talents and services to the Church," the resolution continued.

"Mt. Zion will honor the beloved memory of Curtis Eugene Blair with renewed zeal and consecration and come stronger as a church and individuals because he passed our way."

"At the conclusion of the reading of these resolutions each head will bow in a moment of silent prayer, thanking the Heavenly Father for the blessing of Curtis Eugene Blair during the twenty years he served as deacon of Mt. Zion Church."

A grudge is too heavy a load for any man to carry.

When little Johnnie acts cute, he deserves to get a big hand — in the right place.

Snow has always been a subject not only of practical concern, but of poetic expression as well. Most literary critics agree, for instance, that "Snowbound" (1866) is John Greenleaf Whittier's finest poem. Longfellow wrote a poem entitled "The Cross of Snow" (1879), while one of Robert Frost's best-known works is "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" (1923).



Time To Cast Away . . .

William Carey College students in Hattiesburg, symbolized their thanksgiving for peace and the promised return of POW-MIA soldiers in a dramatic throwing away of their Prisoner of War bracelets which they have worn for the past year. President of the college, Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, who was the featured chapel speaker just prior to the photo, collected the bracelets.

In Mexico: "A Mind To Work"

By Mrs. Michael J. Ledbetter Southern Baptist Representative

ZAPOPAN, Mexico — It seems that all 56 members of the First Baptist Church of Zapopan have the "mind to work" that we read about in the book of Nehemiah (4:6): "So built we the wall. . . for the people had a mind to work." Here we are witnessing a modern day building of the "wall."

Our little church is the only evangelical one in the suburb of Guadalajara. The town's name is almost synonymous with that of the Virgin, because this is her "home." Each year on October 12, her day, a half million people through the Queen's Highway, making a pilgrimage to the big cathedral to pay her homage.

What a contrast! But ever since our church was organized three years ago, its members have been dreaming, talking, planning and saving for the construction of a building. We believe the secret of this enthusiasm lies in our pastor, Brother Carlos Roberto Arrazate.

Under his leadership and initiative, even the poorest families have found ways of making money to donate to the building fund. One woman brings pies to church to sell. A few weeks ago I ordered a lemon pie and was to get it after the morning worship service. However, during the time when everyone comes forward to bring an offering for the building fund she slipped up to the organ and asked if I would pay her so she could make her offering then.

Another woman's offering came from selling soup at a little table on the sidewalk. A 12-year-old girl made cupcakes and sold them at school, giving the money to the building fund.

All of us save newspapers and the pastor sells them. He gets glucose bottles from the hospital which are washed and sold to a friend who sells honey in them.

Brother Arrazate supplies each family in the church with a Carnation milk can (his little boy drinks the milk), and we fill these with change. So consistently is this change deposited at the bank that the cashier became curious and inquired about it. When she learned where the money came from she offered to help and has already filled two cans for our building fund!

Brother Arrazate's optimistic, enthusiastic spirit is contagious. Educated as a lawyer, he was once secretary to the president of Salvador, his native country. It was through him that Christians there got permission to build an evangelical radio station.

He has been a man of wealth, yet we are amazed to see how willingly he gives away much of the little he now receives. Recently he earned \$800 commission from selling a house. He had promised to buy his wife a washing machine, but at the very time he received the money the church had such a need for it that he and his wife decided to donate it toward construction costs.

A few weeks later a couple leaving Mexico gave the Arrazates their washing machine. With his face shining our pastor said: "That's the story of my life — the Lord always

gives. . . . The church is growing, the body of believers is growing too. Two bricklayers worked for several weeks receiving only half the wages they would get at another job. One of them has accepted Christ as his Savior and Lord.

Almost every week in neighborhood prayer fellowships someone comes to know the Lord. As this is written, 21 adults await baptism; they all want to wait until they can be baptized in our own building.

And it will be finished — for the people have a mind to work.

Called To Bethel

Rev. Doug Warren has accepted the call of Bethel Church, Hazlehurst, as pastor. He went there from Ogden Church, Bentonla, where he served three years.



He has served Paul Truitt Memorial Church, Jackson, as assistant to the pastor, Rev. J. L. Reeves, and as music director from 1967 to 1969.

In addition to his duties as pastor of Bethel, he is affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist High Schools, Inc. of Jackson as instructor of Bible and Chorus. He is married to the former Dianne Duck of Clinton; they have one child, Laura, 2.

Mr. Warren received his B. A. in Bible from Mississippi College in 1972, and plans to enter New Orleans Seminary this fall.

Called To Florida

Rev. Gerald James, a former Mississippi pastor, has accepted the call as pastor of Mount Pleasant Church, Milton, Florida.



A native of Gulfport, he is a graduate of William Carey College, Hattiesburg, and New Orleans Seminary.

He formerly was pastor of Saucier Mission, DeLisle Mission, Sharon at Long Beach, and Insey, Silas, Ala.

Mrs. James is the former Cecile Daniel of Smith County. They have one son, Michael.

Called To Kosciusko

Second Church Kosciusko has recently called Rev. Johnny Parks as pastor. He goes to Kosciusko from Camp Ground Church, Water Valley.



He formerly served in Pontotoc Union, Lee, Tippah, and Yalobusha Associations, being active in denominational work. He is a native of Pontotoc County, and attended Blue Mountain College.

Mrs. Parks is the former Olene Lakey of Sherman. The couple have two children, Jeff, 13, and Jennifer, age one month.

Off The Record

There was a mother who was having a hard time getting her son to go to school one morning. "Nobody likes me at school," said the son. "The teachers don't and the kids don't. The superintendent wants to transfer me, the bus drivers hate me. I don't want to go." "You've got to go," insisted the mother. "You're healthy. You have a lot to learn. You've got something to offer others. You are a leader. Besides you are 49 years old and you're the principal. You've got to go to school."

A little girl rambled into a country grocery and, placing a earthen jar on the counter, asked for a quarter's worth of molasses. Soon the jar was filled, and, picking it up, the child started for the door. "Hold it there, young lady," the storekeeper called. "Haven't you forgotten something?" "No, sir, I guess not," answered the child, pausing and looking around. "What is it?" "The money for the molasses," answered the grocer. "We don't give it away as an advertisement any more." "I thought you got the money," the startled youngster replied, "Mother put it in the jar."

You have probably read that the Internal Revenue Service is preparing a new and simplified income tax for 1973. According to reports, it is greatly simplified and will have only a few parts. The short, short form will be as follows:

- (1) How much did you earn last year?
- (2) How much did you spend?
- (3) How much do you have left?
- (4) If (3) is greater than (2), forward that amount; if (3) is 0 or less, don't call us, we'll call you!

A man bought a grandfather's clock at an auction sale and since it was only a short distance to his home, was transporting it on his back. But on the way a drunk staggered out of a tavern, bumped into the man and they went down in a pile. Infuriated, the man with the clock shouted, "Why don't you look where you're going?" To which the drunk replied, "Well why don't you wear a wrist watch like other men do?"

To err is human but to wear out the eraser before the pencil is overdoing it.